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Re: Connecting All Residents to Lake Michigan Water

Dear Tom:

Last night I met with my clients. They uniformly expressed their strong belief that even those whose groundwater contamination levels have tested below the MCLs must be connected to Lake Michigan water. Several residents with levels testing less than the MCLs pointed out that USEPA and IEPA officials have suggested that they not drink their well water. As a result of these representations by the government, few, if any, of my clients are drinking, or ever will drink, their well water. Instead, without Lake Michigan connections, they will continue to live under threatening and inconvenient conditions, legitimately fearing health problems.

Detection instruments are imprecise. Moreover, in 2001, EPA issued a report suggesting a more restrictive cancer slope factor for TCE than currently used. TCE Health Risk Assessment, August 2001 (EPA/600/P-01, 002A). This provides even further justification to connect all residents.

On behalf of the residents, we urge the USEPA to demand that the PRPs pay for connections for all residents who are exposed, or threatened to be exposed, to any levels of PERC and/or TCE.

Please call me with any questions.

Sincerely,


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